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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. T. Fujioka", is written over the printed name and title.

SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Water Supply Special Session Update

On October 2, 2007, Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez announced that a newly constituted Special Committee on Water will hold its first informational hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2007 to review key issues associated with the Water Supply Special Session. The committee will be chaired by Assembly Member Lois Wolk and will complement the work being done by the Assembly Working Group on Water, chaired by Assembly Member John Laird.

In his press release, the Speaker noted that Assembly Member Laird and the members of the existing Working Group on Water will also serve on the new Special Committee. Newly-appointed Republican members were also added to the Special Committee. Assembly Member Bill Maze will serve as Vice-Chair.

Membership on the Special Committee on Water includes:

Lois Wolk, Chair (Davis), Bill Maze, Vice-Chair (Visalia), Juan Arambula (Fresno), Mike Eng (Monterey Park), Mike Feuer (Los Angeles), Bob Huff (Diamond Bar), Jared Huffman (San Rafael), Rick Keene (Chico), Paul Krekorian (Burbank), John Laird (Santa Cruz), Doug LaMalfa (Redding) and Mary Salas (Chula Vista).

The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee will hold a hearing on Monday, October 8, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., or upon call of the President Pro Tempore, for the purpose of hearing and voting upon the Special Session bills in the committee (SB2X 1 through SB2X 5). The required Senate Daily File notice was submitted late this afternoon. No additional information is available at this time.

Legislation of County Interest

AB 191 (Assembly Budget Committee), which would specify procedures for the transfer of non-violent juvenile offenders to County jurisdiction, was signed by the Governor on September 29, 2007 and was enacted as Chapter 257, Statutes of 2007. This bill would also specify that a State block grant to compensate counties for the transfer of certain juvenile offenders to County jurisdiction would continue beyond FY 2007-08. AB 191 also removes a requirement for the State Correctional Standards Authority to design and implement a one-time block grant in support of a pilot program in an urban county to address gang problems among 18 to 25 year-old probationers. This would transfer the responsibility to the applicant county.

Senate Bill 718 (Scott), as amended on July 12, 2007, which would authorize the Sheriff to expend funds from the inmate welfare fund to create a pilot program to assist indigent county inmates with re-entry after his or her release, was signed by the Governor on September 26, 2007, and was enacted as Chapter 251, Statutes of 2007. This bill would extend current law that allows the Sheriff to expend funds to assist inmates only prior to release. SB 718 which becomes effective on January 1, 2008, will expire on January 1, 2013, unless future legislative action either deletes or extends the sunset date.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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